

ARMY OFFICER GETS PLATINUM

Renders Important Service by Own Initiative and Without Own Profit.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The story of the hazardous gathering of 31,000 ounces of platinum by Lieut. Norman A. Stiles and his platoon across Siberia to Vladivostok and then to the United States, was told by officials of the Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce.

The bureau denied that any private individual controlled or would be able to obtain any portion of the shipment.

Lieut. Stiles, a platoon expert, recently entered the United States army and was attached to the military staff of the American embassy in Petrograd. Realizing the necessity of obtaining platinum for the American war preparations were not to be forestalled, he began to obtain control of large quantities in various parts of Russia, with the financial assistance of the Russian-English Bank of Petrograd. This platinum he offered to the United States government at cost.

Before shipment many difficulties had to be surmounted. Officials who desired to hold the metals for higher prices had to be placated. Unusual care had to be taken against robbery. Because platinum on the import embargo list the consignment was shipped to the secretary of commerce with the understanding that it was to be used solely for government needs.

ARMY RECEIVES SUPPLIES NOW

Millions of Articles of Clothing Are Being Delivered to Troops.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Quartermaster general Sharpe, in a statement today gives figures on army supplies to show that adequate supplies of clothing for all men in the service now are available and that proper deliveries and uninterrupted transportation will assure supplies for the future.

Deliveries have been delayed from six to 45 percent because of delays in material and transportation. Gen. Sharpe's statement shows that there already have been delivered to the troops practically 5,000,000 blankets, more than 2,000,000 overcoats, more than 12,000,000 winter undershirts, 4,000,000 pairs of drawers, nearly 2,000,000 pairs of breeches, more than 2,000,000 coats, more than 5,000,000 winter shirts, more than 2,000,000 pairs of shoes and more than 2,000,000 hats.

In the aggregate about half the supplies ordered have been delivered.

EL PASO INDUSTRIES



—Photo by Outlook staff.

ARRANGE ARMY GRAVE SERVICE

All Details Regarding the Cemeteries and Care of Dead Are Complete.

With the American Army in France, Dec. 15.—The organization has been announced of a branch of the army whose sole duty is to arrange for the proper burial of our soldiers who die in France and for the care of their graves.

The new organization is known as the Graves Registration Service. It is under the direction of a regular army major and is a division of the office of the chief quartermaster, and through that office is directly responsible to Gen. J. J. Pershing. The service chief also is superintendent of all American cemeteries in Europe and as such is responsible for their proper care and maintenance.

A unit of two officers and 30 men is provided for each army division. They are to arrange for proper burials, in their respective divisions, and also to take care of the divisional cemeteries.

Burial Plans Arranged.

The American expeditionary force has been assigned land by the French authorities for use as semipermanent or temporary cemeteries. Already, two large burial plots have been placed in and around a number of small ones arranged near the front.

Each grave in the main cemeteries will have a cross at the head and an iron marker. Temporary graves will be marked by pegs and a cross of white material. On each also there will be an identification tag and a card giving the soldier's rank, the organization to which he belonged and the circumstances of his death. This information also will be forwarded immediately to the record office, where the records will contain the location and a picture of the grave for the benefit of relatives.

There will be a continual inspection of all cemeteries to make sure that they are properly kept.—(By A. P.)

TEXAS OFFICER'S PLACED ON TRIAL

"Jim" Burroughs Faces Courtmartial at St. Louis; First Wife Divorced.

Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 15.—A courtmartial of 11 high ranking officers, with Col. Sedgwick Rice as president and Maj. Arthur Black as judge advocate, convened at Fort Leavenworth yesterday afternoon to try Lieut. Col. James M. Burroughs, cavalry, recently on duty in Kansas City as a purchasing quartermaster of horses and mules for the army, on the charge that he paid his wife an allowance of \$100 a month for services rendered by her as a housekeeper.

Lieut. Col. Burroughs was formerly stationed at El Paso as a captain in the Second cavalry. Shortly after leaving here, his wife filed suit for divorce in El Paso against him. He is a Texan and in the Spanish-American war was adjutant of the 10th cavalry. Later he served as a captain in the 30th infantry in the Philippines and was in the cavalry during the Mexican revolution. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the Philippines.

It is said that the courtmartial will find the country ready for a local and medical court.

Through the governors of the states, a local advisory board, to assist in the selection of the courtmartial, has been organized in every local board. Through the advisory board, the government's agents for any new regulation, which may occur, and will consider the merits of the case and the interests of the community when such may arise.

ALBUQUERQUE WOMAN HAS 3 SONS AND SON-IN-LAW IN ARMY

With three sons and a son-in-law in the army of Uncle Sam, Mrs. W. H. Kelly, formerly of Albuquerque, N. M., has come to El Paso to live. Her sons are Walter R. at Fort Sam Houston, Texas; George B. at Camp Meade, Md.; and John A. Kelly, at Fort Bliss. Her daughter is the wife of an officer at Fort Bliss.

Women of America Send Christmas Message To Our Soldiers Abroad

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Through the women's committee of the council of national defense, the women of America will send this message, having the approval of president Wilson, to Gen. J. J. Pershing and his troops:

"The women of America are with you in spirit and in service. You are our standard bearers and our hope. We love you, we believe in you, and pray for you at this Christmas season."

SELECTS MUST GIVE PAPERS TO GET INTO THE NAVY NOW

After noon Saturday all draft registrants applying at the local naval recruiting station will be informed they will be required to furnish certificates from the local boards. It is believed that this order will result in a lessening of the great rush of applicants for the navy, which has broken all previous records in the history of the station.

Sixty-eight men were accepted Friday. There will be a large total accepted Saturday. Most of the men enlisting are going as electricians, firemen, seamen and in the aviation and radio service.

MANY RECRUITS MOVING.

Southern Pacific trains were filled with soldiers Friday. Thirty-two army recruits left for San Antonio, Tex. Friday night and 11 navy recruits left for San Francisco Friday night.

Kelly Tire or Tube Makes best Xmas gift. Best Rubber Co., 223 Texas.—Adv.

ARTILLERY FIRE IN ONLY

Paris, France, Dec. 15.—Nothing worth reporting occurred last night with the exception of rather lively artillery fire on the Beaumont-Besancon front (north of Verdun). Today's war office statement says.



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RUSH OF VOLUNTEERING ENDS; QUESTIONNAIRES ARE MAILED

Unrestricted Volunteering Period for Men Registered for Draft Ends in Tremendous Rush of "Selects" to the Colors, Overwhelming the Recruiting Agencies; Questionnaires Are Sent Out.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—The war department's huge task of classifying the nation's manpower for army service actually began today with the mailing out of the first five percent of the questionnaires. At the same time, recruiting facilities throughout the country already overtaxed with recent enlistments, threatened to give way before the rush of draft registrants eager to avail themselves of the last chance to volunteer.

Accept All Examine Later.

Secretary of war Baker today came to the relief of the thousands of men who have volunteered for the regular army, but have been rejected because of the breakdown of the recruiting machinery, by ordering that all qualified applicants who presented themselves before noon today should be accepted, even though their examination and other details could not be accomplished until later.

Thousands had been turned away because the recruiting stations were swamped.

Hasten Mailing Questionnaires.

The mailing of questionnaires will be completed speedily by the war department and within 60 days more than 9,000,000 registrants will be classified.

Classified Scientifically Preserved.

"Never before in the history of the world have armies been chosen with the scientific precision of the new system. Men will shoulder the gun first who should be all the laws of the country, and only then necessity will compel us to invade the more deferred classes, not if such necessity does arise."

DENVER JAMMED WITH RECRUITS; FORT LOGAN IS NEARLY SWAMPED

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 15.—While navy and marine corps recruiting offices here continued making enlistments at the furious pace which has been the rule for the last few days, a crowd of hundreds of disappointed men besieged the local army recruiting office, where enlistment of registered men was discontinued last night. Officers at this station said today their orders had been specific that no enlistments were to be taken after December 14 had begun, unless the men enlisted fell outside the registered classes. Most of the men applying explained that they thought enlistment were to be taken up at noon today from registered men.

Some Sent to Fort Logan.

A few of the disappointed ones were directed to Fort Logan, where enlistments were taken up to noon. One soldier, detailed downtown to look after recruiting, told that three fellows from Oklahoma who were nearly crying because they had not been able to enlist, "I sent 'em out to the fort."

Every record for recruiting was shattered at the local offices this week, the army accounting 40 men yesterday and 109 for the first five days of the week. The best previous day's enrollment was 75.

The navy accepted 10 yesterday and expected to take 100 today. So far this week 202 men have enlisted in the navy at the local office.

Students Are Enlisted.

At both army and navy stations orders were received today to accept the enlistment of students of dentistry and medicine regardless of the status of the enlisted men in the draft. These students, the orders said, would be allowed to continue their studies and not be called upon for active duty except during vacations until they had graduated. The army order included veterinarians and hospital men among those who might be enlisted in this way.

The marine corps recruiting office here expected to send out 25 men today and tomorrow, it having been accepted there since Dec. 1.

Wilson's Cousin Accepted.

Authority to enlist Harry Woodrow Hamilton, a distant cousin of the president, who was recruited five days ago because of lack of weight, was received at the marine corps today from Washington.

Recruits from all over the west continued to pour into Denver today for transfer to Fort Logan, a recruit depot. Soldiers said that while yesterday's incoming crowds had not been so heavy as those of the day before, it was certain at least 5000 men had been cared for by the fort authorities.

Needs to Be of Uniform.

The task, however, taxed resources at the fort heavily. Denver streets today were dotted with recruits who had been unable to secure complete equipment; some lacked any article of uniform that would identify them as soldiers, except the regulation, on which the red cord of the artillery generally appeared; others had army shirts; a good many had army overalls, and still others had complete, nearly complete clothing outfits. In front of hotels and rooming houses where these men had been lodged, could be seen parties of from eight to 100 men lined up under care of a noncommissioned officer from the fort, awaiting the recruits where to go for breakfast or where they were to be housed tonight. Hotels, missions, at least one church, the Y. M. C. A. and many other places were used to lodge the recruits last night. There was not bedding enough for all, and some were forced to sleep on benches.

Registered Men Can't Enlist After Today

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Men of the draft age whose names have not already been posted by the local boards today face the end of their period of grace, in which they could have enlisted. All who have not volunteered in this claim may not do so after the recruiting stations close this evening.

In consequence of this ruling a rather extensive recruiting drive has been in full swing for several weeks. The extraordinary efforts have borne fruit, for there were many who desired to be "wents" and not "cents."

Special branches of the service probably housed the most for the volunteer influx.

The recruits for the ordinance base in France have created a full quota of men to serve in the huge United States arsenal to be built in France. The arsenal will make an American city of 100,000 already and will be bigger than all our present arsenals put together. It will have its own police, fire communication and sewage systems, and will cost \$100,000,000. Every sort of high grade labor, skilled artisans and mechanics is being enlisted for the job of making Pershing's big guns and keeping them in trim.

ALBUQUERQUE PRINTER ENLISTS

His local, proofreader on the Albuquerque Journal, was in El Paso Friday enlisting in the navy. He will return to Albuquerque for two weeks, then go to Meade Island, Calif., training station. He is the son of John Leeds, for many years a foreman in the New Mexico establishment, now with the Independent at Silver City.



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